Foodgrains production

1804. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHER JEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of foodgrains during 1986-87, 1987-88; and

(b) the per capita daily availability of foodgrains (in grams) year-wise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN TJIE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The total production of foodgrains during 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 143.42 and 138.41 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The per capita net availability of foodgrains during 1986, 1987 and 1988 was provisionally estimated as 476.1; 472.1 and 441.4 grams per day respectively.

**Allegations of malpractices and irregularity aeainst Manager (PAAi N. C, C. F.**

1805. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRl BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CTVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2674 given in die Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the said officer has since been indicated by die Central Vigilance Commission for committing irregularity in making appointments of 300 persons and for owning property and assets disproportionate to his known source of income; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons to give undue protection to tbis officer and instead of taking any disciplinary action against him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The enquiry report against die Manager (P&A) has shown him prorut-*facie* responsible for certain irregularities in making appointments while the allegations regarding owning of assets disproportionate to his sources of income were not established. On the basis of die advice of the Central Vigilance Commission major penalty proceedings are being initiated against him .

**Fertilizers production target**

1806. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) tile target for production of fertilizers for the current year;

(b) whether die target is likely to be achieved; and

(c) if not, die reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The targets fixed for production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers, in terms of nutrients during die current year 1988-89 are 64.00 lakh tonnes and 22.00 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) Keeping in view the trends of production so far, the targets are likely to be achieved.

(c) Does not arise.